



**Village of Lincolnwood Environmental Commission Meeting  
Village Hall Council Chambers  
Monday, March 28, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Chairperson Ahmed.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Najia Ahmed, Chairperson  
Sharon Mau, Commissioner  
Susan Perdomo, Commissioner  
Tabassum Qurashi, Commissioner  
Amreena Suri, Commissioner

**Members Absent**

Jonathan Powell, Commissioner  
Nashra Mohammed, Commissioner

A quorum was present.

**Others Present**

Brendon Mendoza, Staff Liaison

**3. Approval of Minutes from the January 24, 2022 Environmental Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Suri made a motion to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perdomo.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Mau, Perdomo, Qurashi, Suri

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

**4. New Business**

**a. Channel Clean Up Event**

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that President Patel was planning to be in attendance to speak on this event, however, President Patel was unable to attend. Staff Liaison Mendoza will follow up with President Patel and later update the Commission.

### **b. Union Pacific Path Spring Clean Up Post Event Review**

Commissioner Mau opened the discussion stating that the event was a success. Commissioner Mau stated that there were approximately twenty three (23) volunteers including President Patel. They were only able to clean up a portion of the mile long path. Commissioner Mau explained that she has hopes in organizing another event to clean up the more of the path. Commissioner Mau stated that Public Works was able to pick up twenty (20) large bags of additional litter that was collected by the volunteers. Commissioner Mau explained that she would like to improve on advertisement in the following years to include students for service hours.

Chairperson Ahmed opened up the discussion for comments and questions.

Commissioner Suri commented that she would be interested in seeing students participate for service hours as Commissioner Mau stated.

Commissioner Quarshi stated that she would like to see other community members participating.

Chairperson Ahmed stated that she would like this event to become an annual event and possibly include another trail such as Centennial Park or even later in the year. Chairperson Ahmed stated that she would like to see another event later this year and to possibly have it around September 15, 2022 which is World Cleanup Day.

### **c. Sustainability Plan**

Chairperson Ahmed opened the discussion stating that there are a total of ten (10) sections to be discussed and at this time they will discuss and read line by line the first three (3) sections which are Climate, Economic Development, and Energy. Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that due to Commissioner Powell not being able to be in attendance she will read comments from an email he sent as they go along for each section.

Staff Liaison Mendoza opened the discussion by explaining the background of the Sustainability Plan.

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that he will be taking notes as the Commission discusses the plan and will then update the Framework Tool for the Commission.

Chairperson Ahmed read comments from the email sent by Commissioner Powell for the first section.

Chairperson Ahmed states that the Village should have an overarching goal to reduce carbon neutrality by 2050 and reduce energy usage and waste by 45% by 2030. She would like this goal to be stated at the beginning of the Sustainability Plan.

Chairperson Ahmed continues reading line by line of the Sustainability Plan's top three (3) sections.

Chairperson Ahmed concludes last topic of first three (3) topics of Sustainability Plan and opened discussion for comments or questions.

Commissioner Perdomo questions if the Board will be going over the plan line by line as the Commission will be. She questions if there is a more efficient way to discuss and understand the plan.

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that he will reach out to Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and inquire if they are able to send a staff member to attend the next meeting to discuss the plan with more information.

Chairperson Ahmed suggests that all Commissioners read and select the top three (3) points from each section and email them to him before the next meeting. Staff Liaison Mendoza will then revise them and have more information regarding those topics for the next meeting.

## **5. Old Business**

None.

## **6. Staff Report**

### **a. Composting**

Staff Liaison Mendoza updated the Commission that he is working on different options for composting for the Village and will keep the Commission updated.

Commissioner Perdomo reminds the Commission that she will be receiving her Master Gardener certification soon and is willing to volunteer her time to present ideas and present a composting demonstration.

## **7. Comments from the Public**

None.

## **8. Adjournment**

Commissioner Qurashi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Mau seconded the motion.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Perdomo, Qurashi, Suri, Ahmed, and Mau

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

By: Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director